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PATENT APPLICATION

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Final Office Action on the merits dated June 2, 2006. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested in view of the
5 foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 12, 14, and 20 stand allowed. By the foregoing amendment, claims 6 and 7 have been canceled and claim 1 has been amended to recite allowable subject matter. Therefore, claims 1, 5, 8-10, 12, 14 and 20 remain in this application with claims 1, 12 and 20 being independent.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections:

Claims 1 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable
15 over Doran (US Pat. No. 4,380,192) in view of Green (US Pat. No. 5,310,381). Still further, claim 6 stands rejected over Doran and Green and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,433,151 to Farran et al. Claims 8 and 9 stand rejected over Doran and Green and further in view of Kreiter (US Pat. No. 5,666,940). Claims 12, 14, and 20 stand allowed.

The examiner indicated that claim 7 is merely objected to as being dependant
20 upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 7 and all of the limitations of claim 6

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which is intervening. Claims 6 and 7 have been canceled. Accordingly, claim 1 should now be in condition for allowance along with claims 5 and 8-10 which depend therefrom.

This application should now be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested. As this amendment merely places claim 1 into condition for allowance by
5 incorporating objected to claim elements and with no further examination or consideration being required of the examiner, the applicant respectfully requests that these amendments be entered immediately and that this application be moved to allowance.

If the examiner has any suggestions that would place this application in even better condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to contact the applicant's representative
10 at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,


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